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SUBJ: DESIGNATION OF NEW LESOTHO PERMREP TO UN

1. TEBHO J. MASHOLOGU, PREVIOUSLY PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS BEEN APPOINTED LESOTHO'S NEW UN PERREP. FACT OF APPOINTMENT POORLY-KEPT SECRET BUT NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT MADE UNTIL AFTER DEPARTURE OCTOBER 30 FOR NEW YORK.

2. MASHOLOGU WAS MOST HELPFUL TO EMBASSY AS PERM SEC FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EMBASSY OFFICERS FOUND IT EASY TO DEVELOP CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH HIM. WE BELIEVE SOME EXTRA EFFORT BY USUN TO GAIN HIS CONFIDENCE WOULD BE MOST WORTHWHILE AND MIGHT DO MUCH TO PREVENT HIS FALLING COMPLETELY UNDER OAU INFLUENCE.

3. MASHOLOGU IS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, PERSONABLE, ARTICULATE, SOPHISTICATED, AND ONE OF VERY BEST OF LESOTHO'S CIVIL SERVANTS. SINGLE PREVIOUS OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT WAS AS COUNSELOR IN LONDON BUT CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE AT HOME, FIRST AS PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND THEN AS PERMANENT

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SECRETARY, MAKE HIM LESOTHO'S MOST CONVERSANT WITH WHOLE

RANGE OF LESOTHO'S FOREIGN RELATIONS.

4. MASHOLOGU RECEIVED BA FROM LEHIGH UNIVERSITY IN 1966 AND HIS BROTHER, NOW LESOTHO'S SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT, WAS FORMER LESOTHO AMBASSADOR TO U.S. MASHOLOGU'S ASSOCIATIONS WITH U.S. THEREFORE DIVERSE AND, WE BELIEVE, FAVORABLE. MRS. MASHOLOGU, NTSELISENG EDITH, CALLED EDITH BY MOST, ACCOMPANYING MASHOLOGU. SHE IS ALSO AFFABLE AND HAS INTERRUPTED UNIVERSITY EDUCATION TO MOVE TO NEW YORK. MASHOLOGU PARTICULARLY ENJOYS TENNIS AND ANYONE WHO CAN HELP HIM GET STARTED AGAIN IN NEW ENVIRONMENT WILL NO DOUBT EARN HIS DEEP GRATITUDE.
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